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BUSINESSMAN GIVES \$1 MILLION TO SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS

Entrepreneur Tom Sullivan Awarded \$100,000 each to 10 High School Seniors Via the New Proton Energy Scholarship Program; Surprise Presentation Took Place at NHA Hydrogen Conference and Expo in Long Beach, Calif.

Long Beach, Calif. (May 4, 2010) – Entrepreneur Tom Sullivan surprised everyone during the announcement of the winner of the [Proton Energy Scholarship](#) when he awarded all 10 finalists with a \$100,000 four-year undergraduate scholarship at the [NHA Hydrogen Conference and Expo](#). The initial plan was to give the four-year scholarship to one of the 10 finalists, but Sullivan decided all were worthy of the full scholarship and made the presentation.

“All ten finalists are truly exceptional individuals and it was impossible to only give away one \$100,000 scholarship, so we awarded all the students the grand prize,” said Sullivan, supporter and funder of the Proton Energy Scholarship. “Each and every student shows tremendous promise in fields of science and technology, and we are excited to help support the bright futures ahead of these talented individuals.”

Sponsored by global hydrogen leader [Proton Energy Systems](#), which is owned by Sullivan, and administered by the [Hydrogen Education Foundation \(HEF\)](#), the Proton Energy Scholarship recognizes and awards high school seniors who demonstrate outstanding achievement, excellence and promise in the fields of science or technology, and who plan to pursue higher education in these areas.

"As a result of Tom's generous gift, the Foundation is proud to help these exceptional young people pursue their studies in science and technology," said Jeffrey Serfass, president of the HEF. "As industry makes investments in hydrogen technologies, we must also invest in our future leaders. This is the recipe for growth and continued success."

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The Proton Energy Scholarship finalists were evaluated on academic performance, strength of application, commitment to further education in a science or technology related field, financial need and demonstrated leadership, work ethic and community involvement. The scholarship recipients are:

1. Sahil Khetpal, Plano, Texas
2. Ryan Gao, Falmouth, Maine
3. Matthew Lee, Pacolet, S.C
4. Andres Parrado, Stamford, Conn.
5. Carolyn Bai, Old Saybrook, Conn.
6. Jesse Castaneda, Morro Bay, Calif.
7. William McNeary IV, Charleston, Mo.
8. Philip Lubik, Harwinton, Conn.
9. Alexandra Olivares, Dubuque, Iowa
10. Jenny Lu, Southbury, Conn.

For more information about Proton Energy Systems and the Proton Energy Scholarship, please visit www.protonenergy.com or www.protonenergyscholarship.com.

About Tom Sullivan

Tom Sullivan is a successful entrepreneur who founded Lumber Liquidators, the largest retailer of hardwood floors, and SunHydro, the world's first chain of privately funded fueling stations that provide hydrogen to fuel cell cars. Sullivan also is the owner of Proton Energy Systems, the world's leading supplier of on-site hydrogen generators utilizing proton exchange membrane (PEM) technology.

About Proton Energy Systems

Proton Energy Systems designs and manufactures proton exchange membrane (PEM) electrochemical systems to make hydrogen from water in a zero pollution process producing safe, pure, reliable onsite hydrogen to meet today's global hydrogen requirements. Proton Energy Systems has been developing and manufacturing world-class electrolysis systems since 1996, with thousands of units deployed world-wide, on every continent. With a reputation for building robust, reliable, and safe systems, federal, state, and commercial partners repeatedly seek the creative solutions that Proton Energy Systems has proven it is capable of delivering. For more information, visit www.ProtonEnergy.com.

About the Hydrogen Education Foundation (HEF)

HEF is the charitable, education-focused arm of the National Hydrogen Association, the largest hydrogen trade association in the world. The HEF currently administers four hallmark programs: the H2 & You outreach program, the Hydrogen Student Design contest, the H-Prize Competition and now the Proton Energy Scholarship Program. For more information, visit: www.HydrogenEducationFoundation.org.